

Delaware

Delaware Exempts Poor Families from the Income Tax

Delaware's 2000 income tax threshold — the income level at which families begin paying income tax:

*Ranking among
42 states with
income taxes*

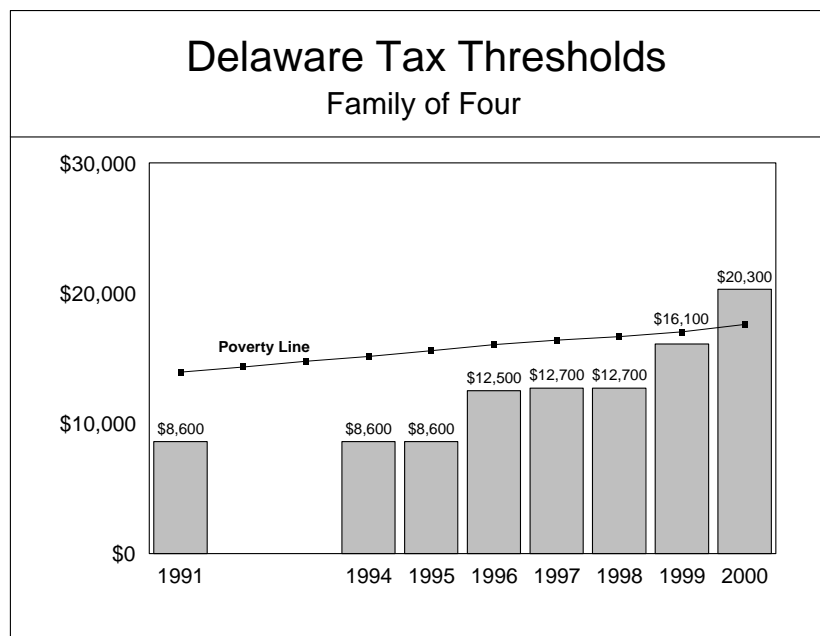
- ☞ For two-parent families of four: **\$20,300.** **17th highest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$14,700.** **23rd highest**

Delaware's 2000 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:

- ☞ No tax on families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$17,601). **11th lowest (tie)**
- ☞ No tax on families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$13,737). **12th lowest (tie)**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,001): **\$86.** **18th lowest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$17,171): **\$119.** **23rd lowest**

Delaware's tax threshold for a two-parent family of four moved above the poverty line in 2000.

- ☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 62 percent of the poverty line. Delaware's tax threshold is now 115 percent of the poverty line.



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.